

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 913

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. E.C. Fields, Jr.,
Principal of Kansas Career and Technology
Center in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Dr. E.C. Fields, Jr., has generously shared his skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Kansas Career and Technology Center as their Principal; under his tireless leadership, students are encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Dr. Fields has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for his students, earning the great respect and admiration of Kansas Career and Technology Center's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Kansas Career and Technology Center community have many reasons to take pride in their school: the school's vocational classes offer several industry certifications, and the school has strong connections with its students, community, and business partners; Kansas Career and Technology Center's vocational classes have produced many competition winners, and the importance of safety is heavily stressed at the center; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Career and Technology Center boasts an enrollment of 232 students and promotion rates of 92 percent with an average class size of twenty; moreover, fully 48 percent of the faculty have Master's or Doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Kansas Career and Technology Center offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including the

National Technical Honor Society, SkillsUSA, Business Professionals of America, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and HOSA; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Career and Technology Center has also partnered with corporations, including WMC-TV5, Universal Collections Systems, Valero Oil, Bob Fisher's Music Town, 1910 Frameworks, Inc., Tristate Theatre Supply, and Memphis Drum Shop, to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dr. E.C. Fields, Jr., and the entire staff of Kansas Career and Technology Center work tirelessly to fulfill the mission of their school: "Kansas Career and Technology Center assists students in becoming valuable members of the working force of America. We prepare literate, responsible people for their roles of leadership in a technological society. We strive to teach our students that learning is a life-long commitment and that all citizens have the responsibility of improving themselves and their surroundings."; and

WHEREAS, in his many years in education and educational administration, Dr. E.C. Fields, Jr., has, by his commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of his students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. E.C. Fields, Jr., for his outstanding record as Principal of Kansas Career and Technology Center, and for his many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under his care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Dr. E.C. Fields, Jr., for his commitment to the education of the youth of his community, his devotion to their best interests, and his many contributions to his community and to this State. We offer him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.